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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, PFOR, OCLR, CV

SUBJ: MEETING WITH CAPE VERDE DEFENSE MINISTER

1. DURING COURSE OF DATT AIRCRAFT VISIT TO CAPE VERDE

MARCH 18-19, DATT COL HUGHES AND CHARGE MET WITH

CAPE VERDE DEFENSE MINISTER SILVINO DA LUZ.

MIN DEF ABSENTED HIMSELF FROM PARTY PREPARATORY MEETINGS

FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE FIRST OFFICIAL CONTACT HE

HAS HAD WITH US SINCE INDEPENDENCE.

2. DURING COURSE 45 MINUTE MEETING WHICH CHARACTERIZED

BY COMPLETE LACK ANY RANCOR OR REFERENCE TO PAST RELATIONS

BETWEEN US AND PAIGC, DA LUZ MADE FOLLOWING GENERAL

POINTS:

--HIS MEETING WITH DATT IN LINE WITH PARTY POLICY OF OPENNESS

TO ALL-- IT LOGICAL THIS ALSO EXTEND TO MILITARY FIELD.

--EMPHASIZED CONTINUING IMPORTANCE TO CAPE VERDE OF ITS TIES

WITH "TRADITIONAL FRIENDS."

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-- EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF U/CAPE VERDEAN RELATIONS DUE TO

MANY PERSONAL TIES INCLUDING HIS OWN (FYI DEF MIN HAS

NUMEROUS RELATIVES AND ONE SON STUDYING IN US).

-- EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO SEE MORE FREQUENT DATT VISITS

AND SAW NO OBJECTION TO ACCREDITATION OF NON-RESIDENT

ATTACHE. HE STATED NO OTHER ATTACHES AS YET ACCREDITED.

-- EXPRESSED AWARENESS US REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR ARIA FLIGHTS BUT SAID RESPONSE WOULD COME THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS BUT POINTED OUT PROBLEMS AUTHORIZATION WOULD CAUSE IN TERMS OF REQUESTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES FOR LANDING RIGHTS.

3. COMMENT: WILLINGNESS OF DEFENSE MINISTER TO RECEIVE DATT DURING ASSEMBLY AND HIS GENERALLY FRIENDLY ATTITUDE DURING COURSE OF MEETING IN STARK CONTRAST COOL MILITARY RECEPTION DATT RECEIVED IN BISSAU. ON SUBSTANCE, HOWEVER, MIN DEF CONTINUED GOCV CAUTIOUS PLICY ON MILITARY VISITS BY HIS NEGATIVE ATTITUDE ON POSSIBILITY ARIA FLIGHTS.  
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